OH NO!

THIS MANGA IS LICENSED!

THIS CHAPTER RELEASE
WILL BE DELETED IN A FEW MINUTES
SO READ AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

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JUST KIDDING!

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OR AM I?

FUFUFUFU XD

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SHOKO HIDAKA PRESENTS

If it's for the Kuze House, he's even willing to take advantage of love.

To Katsuragi, who kept his stubborn motivations to himself, what answer does Akihito give...?

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名も子爵と美貌の家令が織り成す
クラシカルLOVEロマン

憂鬱な朝

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CHAPTER 24

Thank you SM-san for the translations!
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Arigatou gozaimasu!
Xie xie!

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"KATSURAGI"
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黒沢哲

ライツ×ジュエル
ストレート・ダウン!!
雲之助
サクラサク
お稽古さまのハニーバ

大人気シリーズ
年下彼氏
渡海奈穂&小峰ララ子
[ねえ先輩、教えてよ]
✦先輩へ…いがバレたら退学――誰にも言えない恋の行方は!?

短期集中連載スタート!!
楢崎ねねこ
[忠犬にはだまされない]
✦退屈な後輩男子が、一度噛んだら不運な年下男に豹変!?

表紙イラスト
応募者全員サービス!!
[ここのえ]

超人気!!
クラシカルLOVEロマンス
表紙で登場♥
日高ショーコ
[憂鬱な朝]
✦久世家の命運を…1夜会な
聴人が出した答…

人気シリーズ
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[年頃のオトコノコ]
✦"右手の友"な男子高校生の…

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[愛じゃしょうがない!!]
✦イジワルな世話係の…

大人気連載
高久尚子
[男はすべて敵]
水名瀬雅良
[同居人の美男子]

SPECIAL読みもの
兼守美行

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drip
"MORE THAN YOU THINK."
"I'M SUITED TO THIS KIND OF LIFE."
A BRAND NEW TOWEL AND NEWLY BOUGHT UNDERWEAR
WERE THEY ALL BROUGHT FROM THE KUZE MANSION?
ALTHOUGH IT'S IN SHITOMACHI*
squeeze
HAS A BATHROOM AND IS OF VERY GOOD MAKE
IT'S NOT A HOUSE THAT A MAID CAN PREPARE
I FEAR IT'S LIKELY THAT "MASTER" KNOWING THAT SOUICHIROU-SAMA WAS PLAYING AROUND WITH WOMEN PREPARED THIS HOUSE FOR HIS USE
CONSTRUCTED IN A WAY SO THAT NOTHING OUTSIDE DISTURBS THE MAIN ROOM

"I ALREADY CALLED FOR A RICKSHAW SO"
thUmp
"YOU CAN LEAVE WHILE I'M NOT HERE"
"... THEA"
.....

THE WELL IS FOR COMMUNAL USE.
HE CAN BE CLEVER IN STRANGE WAYS
DID HE CALL THE ISHIZAKI HOUSE'S RICKSHAW MAN?
THE RICKSHAW IS
open
HE MUST'VE WALKED FROM THERE TO THE BATHROOM
AGAIN AND AGAIN
UNTIL THE BATHTUB WAS FILLED WITH WATER,
MAKING HIS FINGERTIPS ROUGH
BURNING THE FIREWOOD,
GETTING SOOT ALL OVER HIS FACE AND HIS CLOTHES...

Creak
HURRY AND RETURN TO THE TSUZUKI RESIDENCE.
AKIHITO-SAMA DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT POVERTY IS AT ALL.
DOES HE REALLY THINK THAT HE CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE LIKE THIS FROM NOW ON?
I WANT TO HAVE A TALK WITH THE MASTER SOON.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE THREATENED MARQUESS MORIYAMA. FOR THERE TO BE PEACE BETWEEN THEM IS—
IF HE LEAVES THE KUZE HOUSE AND THROWS AWAY THE KUZE NAME, AKIHITO-SAMA IS FINISHED.
EVEN WITH THIS HOUSE, AS SOON AS MASTER GIVES THE WORD, IT'LL FALL INTO ANOTHER PERSON'S HANDS.
.....
WAIT.

—AKIHITO-SAMA
.....
THAT FOOL

--THAT'S RIGHT.
I CAN STILL MAKE IT IN TIME.
I'VE BECOME IN NEED OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY
FIRST, GO TOWARDS KABUTO-CHO.
RETURN TO THE ISHIZAKI HOUSE LATER.
IF IT'S ME, EVERYTHING CAN GO BACK TO AS IT WAS BEFORE.
IF IT'S ME THEN AKIHITO-SAMA CAN BE SAVED.
FOR THAT SAKE
clench

I ONCE AGAIN-
HAVE TO DECEIVE AKIHITO-SAMA

clop
clop
clop
clop
SOUICHIROU,
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS SITUATION?

"PLEASE DON'T ABANDON KUZE AKIHITO" IS WHAT YOU SAID, WASN'T IT?
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR CLOSE FRIEND
.....
clop
clop
BUT TRY TO THINK OVER IT CAREFULLY.
THE KUZE HOUSE'S PROMOTION OF KANE AND KITSURAGI TOMOYUKI'S CONFERMENT OF PEERAGE... THE ONE WHO DESIRES THIS IS NO OTHER THAN AKIHITO-KUN HIMSELF.
DO YOU THINK HE WISHES FOR MY HELP NOW, AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
clop
clop
.....
I'M AGAINST KUZE'S WAY OF THINKING
FOR WHAT REASON?
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT!!
THINK ABOUT THIS PROPERLY!! AND SOON!!
.....
haaa-
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO HIT ME AGAIN
while saying "don't do unnecessary things"

KATSURAGI TOMOYUKI
THAT MAN SEES NO MERIT IN KUZE SACRIFICING EVERYTHING FOR HIM, IS WHAT I THINK
.....
THE PERSON MOST SUITABLE TO BE THE HEAD OF THE KUZE HOUSE IS KUZE AKIHITO
THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE.
KATSURAGI IS JUST AN ORDINARY...
AWKWARD MAN
HE'S NOT THE STRONG MAN THAT KUZE THINKS HE IS

.....
MERIT AND ALL THAT...
IS SOMETHING THAT AKIHITO-KUN WILL DECIDE
AND THOSE WHO ARE FAMILY HEADS ONCE THEY HAVE DECIDED UPON SOMETHING THEY WON'T BEND
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY AND HOW YOU SAY IT. AKIHITO-KUN WILL STILL LEAVE THE HOUSE
BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT THAT IS THE VERY BEST PATH TO TAKE FOR THE KUZE HOUSE AND FOR KATSURAGI

SOUICHIROU
YOU DON'T KNOW OF THE PAST AND YOU DON'T HAVE UNNECESSARY TIES OF OBLIGATION
THAT'S WHY YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE THE TRUE NATURE OF THINGS
EH...?
THE KUZE HOUSE IS A WORRISOME HOUSE
EVERYTHING BEGAN WITH THE PREVIOUS GENERATION KUZE AKINAO AND HIS FATHER NAOYA.
THAT HISTORY IS TOO DEEP...
...WITH I MYSELF ALSO INCLUDED
WELL IT'S FINE.
FOR THE TIME BEING ALL I WANT IS KATSURAGI TOMOYUKI
IF HE GOES BACK TO THE KUZE HOUSE NOW, IT'LL BE BAD FOR US

IF THAT'S HOW THIS TURNS OUT
IN OTHER WORDS YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU'LL LET ME SAVE KUZE. RIGHT?
WE'LL LET AKIHITO-KUN BE THE HEAD OF THE KUZE HOUSE.
THAT WAY KATSURAGI WILL BE DOCILE.
clop
clop
IT'S THE ISHIZAKI HOUSE'S CARRIAGE!
WHAT!?
OW!
OI!!
OI!! LOOK!!
MARQUESS MORIYAMA'S "HATRED OF BUSINESSMEN".
WELL THAT'S
IT'S PRETTY STRANGE CONSIDERING HIS WIFE IS FROM A MERCHANT FAMILY
!
BECAUSE THEY'RE THE SAME ISN'T IT? THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL "LIKE REPELS LIKE"!
THAT'S RIGHT!! DION'T KATSURAGI TOMOYUKI APPEAR EARLIER?
OI OI WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
DOESN'T MARQUESS MORIYAMA HATE THE NOUVEAU RICHE?
clop
clop
HE PARTICULARLY TRIES TO KEEP A DISTANCE FROM THOSE LIKE THE ISHIZAKI HOUSE WHO ARE PART OF THE ZAIBATSU.
clop

THAT GUY'S CURRENTLY THE ISHIZAKI HOUSE'S HEAD CLERK YOU KNOW!!
!!
whisper
THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON
AAH
whisper
THERE'S SOMETHING!
QUICKLY SEE HOW MANY OF THE SERVANTS YOU CAN SPEAK WHAT'S THE SITUATION INSIDE.
Has something happened?
It's noisy over there
OI! DON'T YOU DARE TRY GETTING A HEAD START ON EACH OTHER!!
THE MEN ARE GATHERING IN A CROWD...
I WONDER WHAT IT IS THINGS HAVE GOTTEN LIVELIER
LOOK OVER THERE.
buzz
buzz
buzz
buzz
HAVE YOU HEARD?
OUTSIDE THERE'S AN EXCESSIVE AND GAUDY CARRIAGE THAT'S...
NOTIFY HIS EXCELLENCY.

.....
THE CALLING UPON OF THE ISHIZAKI HOUSE HAS CAUSED AN UPROAR
IT'S BECAUSE MARQUESS MORIYAMA'S DISLIKE OF THE NOUVEAU RICHE IS SO WELL KNOWN
AND IT'S DUE TO HIM DECLARING THAT DISLIKE THAT THERE ARE SO MANY INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE WHO WILL FOLLOW HIM.
SOON THE REPORTERS OUTSIDE WILL ALSO START TO CLAMOUR...
TOMO-YUKI IS
STILL WITH MARQUESS MORIYAMA?
YES, IN THE OFFICE
ALTHOUGH WE LET A SERVANT GO IN TO NOTIFY THE MARQUESS ABOUT THE INCOMING VISITORS...
DO YOU NOT THINK THAT THIS IS TAKING TOO LONG?
WHAT IF SOMETHING IS HAPPENING UNDER OUR WATCH THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT?

AT PRESENT KATSURAGI'S MIND IS THINKING OF NOTHING BUT VISCOUNT AKIHITO
AKIHITO-SAMA IS EVERY-THING
TO KATSURAGI MORIYAMA'S POWER IS ALREADY NO LONGER NECESSARY
THAT I CANNOT BELIEVE
.....
BUT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US
ALTHOUGH I DO THINK THAT IT'S A TROUBLE-SOME THING
THIS IS WHAT IS CALLED AN ATTACHMENT SOME TOO FAR
Huhu
— ELDER BROTHER
.....

MY GOAL IS THE CONTINUATION OF THE KUZE HOUSE
AND THEN PROTECTING AKIHITO-SAMA'S SOCIAL STATUS.
BESIDES THOSE, I DESIRE NOTHING ELSE.
ZAAAA--!!
.....
IF YOU STILL THINK
THAT YOU CAN'T TRUST ME--
WHETHER THIS PROPOSAL IS RIGHT OR WRONG FOR THE KATSURAGI HOUSE- WON'T YOU ONLY THINK OF IT IN THOSE TERMS?

.....
DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO HAVE VISCOUNT AKIHITO RETIRE?
I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW...
I EMPLOYED A DOCTOR TO WRITE A FAKE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE MADE A LIST OF ILLNESSES THAT WERE GROUNDLESS IN REALITY.
AND SENT THEM TO HIS ACADEMY AND THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT...
ALL OF THIS WAS IN PREPARATION FOR STEALING THE SEAT OF THE KUZE FAMILY HEAD AWAY FROM AKIHITO-SAMA.
!
AND YOUR REAL INTENTION WAS TO HAVE THE ILLNESS EVENTUALLY "GET WORSE" LEADING TO A SERIOUS SITUATION WASN'T IT?"
THAT IS CORRECT
BUT THAT WAS TO THE END. "THE PLAN ON PAPER"
I LEFT IT THERE UNUSED AND NOTHING CHANGED

NEVER
DID I EXPECT AKIHITO-SAMA HIMSELF WOULD
chuckle
NEVER WOULD I HAVE THOUGHT THAT AKIHITO-SAMA WOULD...
USE MY INANE PLAN FOR HIMSELF AND THINK OF RETIREMENT. NO. I NEVER EXPECTED THAT EVEN IN MY DREAMS.
ELDER BROTHER

A TRAITOR LIKE ME CANNOT POSSIBLY SUCCEED THE KUZE HOUSE.
EVERYTHING IS MY FAULT !
EVEN IF
THAT MEANS GOING AGAINST AKIHITO-SAMA'S WISHES-
thud
DON'T MIS-UNDERSTAND TOMOYUKI
IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T WANT TO SETTLE WITH YOU AS THE FAMILY HEAD
YE-
YES!
HIROYUKI
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
.....

MOST IMPORTANTLY IF THE KUZE MAIN FAMILY GOES EXTINCT THEN THE ONES WHO WILL SUFFER WILL BE US BRANCH FAMILIES
FOR THE SAKE OF THE OLD TERRITORY WE'LL LEND OUR STRENGTH TO SUPPORT NAOTSUGU-SAMA
HIROYUKI
YES
FIND OUT WHERE NAOTSUGU-SAMA IS.
HE'S PROBABLY DEPENDING ON THE KUZE'S FORMER RETAINER.
I KNOW WHERE HE IS
WHAT?
ALTHOUGH I SAY I KNOW
HE'S LIVING IN AN ESTATE THAT I PREPARED, UNAFFECTED BY ANY AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKINGS
.....
IT'S ONLY TO BE EXPECTED

WHAT
FOR A HOUSE THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN ITS SUCCESSOR.
IF YOU CONSIDER THE WORST CASE SCENARIO,
THEN YOU CANNOT GO WITHOUT ENSURING NAOTSUGU-SAMA'S LIFE.
IS THIS MAN
NAOTSUGU-SAMA THINKS THAT HE'S HIDING HIMSELF VERY WELL.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THAT EVEN HE COULD SHOW A REAL EXPRESSION WHILE PLEADING HE CHANGES COMPLETELY.
THAT IS GOOD ENOUGH
NOW IT'S AS IF HE'S MOVING SHOGI PIECES
SINCE IT WOULD BE TROUBLESOME IF HE WENT SOMEWHERE MY EYES COULDN'T REACH

NONETHELESS IT'S NO USE CONDEMNING HIS SHREWDNESS RIGHT NOW...
FOR THIS MAN WHO HAS NO HOUSE AND NO SOCIAL STATUS, THERE WAS NO OTHER ROAD TO TAKE EXCEPT THIS
THE ONES WHO ALLOWED THIS WERE MY FATHER AND THEN THE PREVIOUS KUZE HEAD
WHAT AN IRRITATING PERSONALITY
MOVING OTHER PEOPLE BASED ON HIS OWN PREDICTIONS.
HE DOESN'T KNOW HIS OWN PLACE.
IT'S NOTHING...
ELDER BROTHER?
STILL...
WILL THINGS REALLY GO ACCORDING TO YOUR PREDICTIONS?
SOMEHOW IT FEELS DANGEROUS
IN REALITY--
DOESN'T VISCOUNT AKIHITO ALWAYS MOVE CONTRARY TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS?
IT LOOKS TO ME THAT THE VISCOUNT IS CONSTANTLY TOYING WITH YOU

BECAUSE I
KNOW AKIHITO-SAMA FAIRLY WELL...
.....
IT WILL BE FINE.

KATSURAGI
.....
!

EXACTLY WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING!!
LISTEN WELL!! DON'T YOU DARE LET SOUEMON IN HERE!!
TAKE THEM TO THE DETACHED ROOM BY THE WEST GATE!
YOUR EXCELLENCY THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A TRANSMISSION OF THEIR ARRIVAL..
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
YOUR EXCE-LLENCY!!
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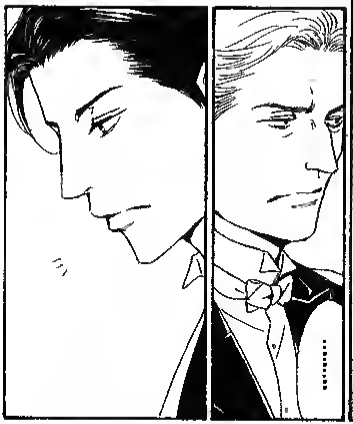
thud
thud
ELDER BROTHER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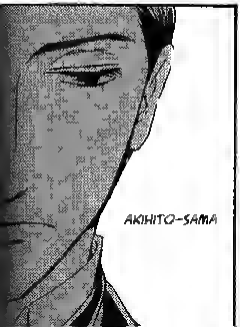
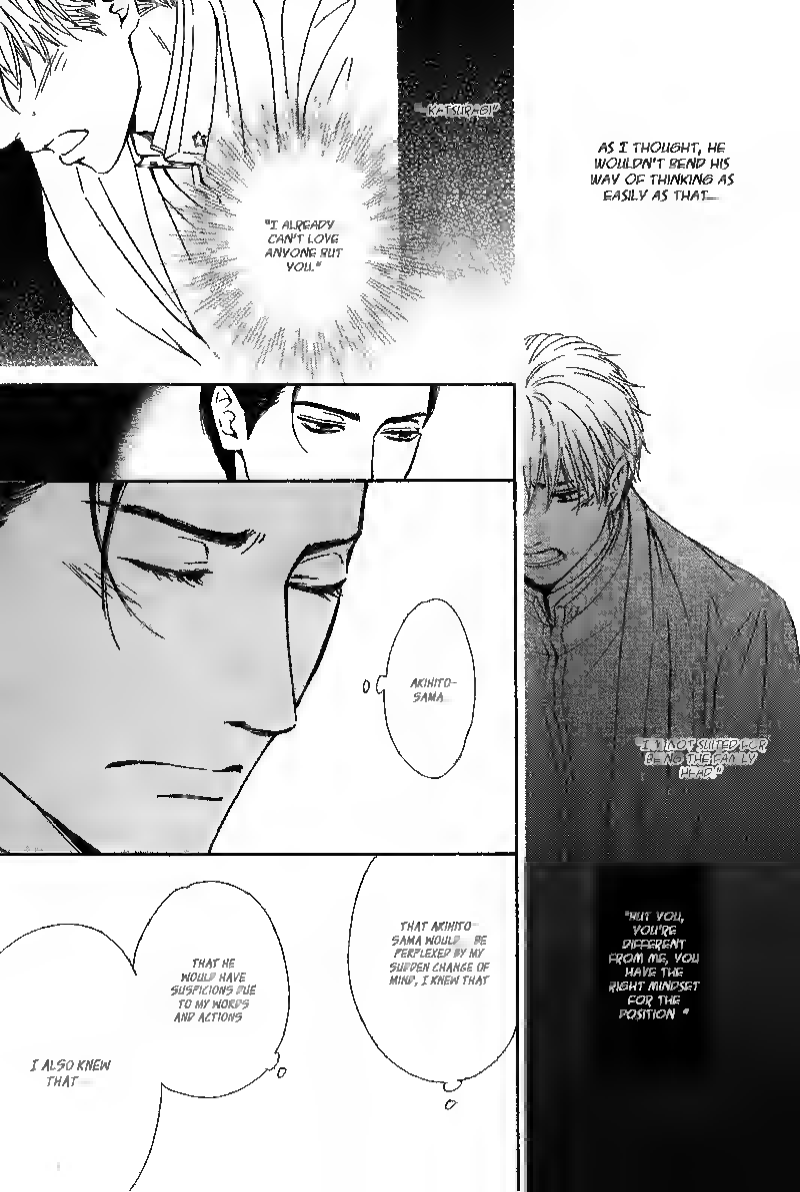
OUTLINING THE REQUEST OF NAOTSUGU-SAMA'S SUCCESSION TO THE PEERAGE.
I BOUND HIM WITH A WRITTEN OATH SO THAT HE COULDN'T RUN AWAY WITH ONLY A SPOKEN PROMISE. AFTERWARDS, ELDER BROTHER, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU TO SIGN AS WELL.
..YOU'RE SLOW.
EXACTLY WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

THE VISCOUNT HASN'T COME YET.
WELL IT'S THE FIRST TIME THOSE TWO HAVE MET ISN'T IT? IN THAT CASE SOME DELAY CAN'T BE HELPED.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHERE IS AKIHITO-SAMA?
HAS NAOTSUGU-SAMA'S DEBUT FINISHED YET?


AKIHITO-SAMA

"I WANT YOU TO SUCCEED THIS HOUSE."

DELAY ?
NO, COULD IT BE


KATSURAGI!
"I ALREADY CAN'T LOVE ANYONE BUT YOU."
AS I THOUGHT, HE WOULDN'T BEND HIS WAY OF THINKING AS EASILY AS THAT...
"I'M NOT SUITED FOR BEING THE FAN BY MYSELF."
AKIHITO-SAMA...
"BUT YOU, YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM ME, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT MINDSET FOR THE POSITION."
THAT AKIHITO-SAMA WOULD... BE PERPLEXED BY MY SUDDEN CHANGE OF MIND, I KNEW THAT
THAT HE WOULD HAVE SUSPICIONS DUE TO MY WORDS AND ACTIONS
I ALSO KNEW THAT...

SOMEDAY AKIHITO-SAMA WILL UNDERSTAND.
FROM NOW ON, AFTER MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED, THERE WILL COME A STATE OF AFFAIRS THAT AKIHITO-SAMA CANNOT SAY "NO" TO.
EVEN THOUGH RIGHT NOW I'M USING AKIHITO-SAMA'S EMOTIONS.
—IT'S FINE.
I KNEW THAT BUT...
I DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD REALIZE IT THIS QUICKLY.
EVERYTHING IS
FOR AKIHITO-SAMA'S SAKE.

step
step
step
step
.....?
-AKI...

KATSURAGI
NAOTSUGU-SAN HAS GONE BACK HOME
HE STEPPED DOWN FROM THIS BARGAIN
-WHAT?
WHAT IS AKIHITO-SAMA SAYING?
I ORDERED IT
THIS WAY NAOTSUGU-SAMA NO LONGER HAS ANY RELATION WITH THE KUZE HOUSE
KATSURAGI-

I THOUGHT OF VARIOUS THINGS
IT'S THE TWO OF US AGAIN
I THOUGHT
AND I THOUGHT...
AND THEN WHILE I WAS TALKING WITH NAOTSUGU-SAMA, MY DOUBTS ALL DISAPPEARED
I WAS ALWAYS,
THINKING ABOUT HOW I COULD MAKE YOU HAPPY
BUT IF I CAN NO LONGER EXCHANGE WORDS WITH YOU THEN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING I HAD ALREADY GIVEN UP EVERYTHING

KATSURAGI
I'M GOING TO RETURN TO THE KUZE HOUSE.
I WILL CARRY OUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FAMILY HEAD.
I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN.
AND THEN WITH MY GENERATION...
THE CURRENT KUZE HOUSE WILL BE FINISHED
DESPITE THINKING THAT HE'D CREATED A PERFECT PLAN, AKIHITO PULLS SOMETHING OUT FROM THE PALM OF HIS HAND!?
Chara セレクション
To be continued...

TRANSLATOR'S NOTES:

Page 3
Shitomachi is a low-lying part of eastern Tokyo. In the past it was not known for being a good residential area, as it was full of stores and factories.

Page 3
Katsuragi calls Ishizaki Souemon, "Danna-sama", which translates into 'master'.

Page 13
"Zaibatsu" refers to industrial and financial business conglomerates, whose influence and size allowed them to control significant parts of the Japanese economy from the Meiji period until the end of World War II.